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Applicant: YUKIO OHURA
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Title: ROLLING BEARING FOR PROTECTION OF MAGNETIC
BEARING

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated May 22, 2002, and the Office Action dated January 3, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following new claims:

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2. (New) A bearing unit comprising a magnetic bearing which supports a rotatable shaft in a non-contact condition, and a rolling bearing which does not support the rotatable shaft while the magnetic bearing supports the rotatable shaft, wherein the rolling bearing is arranged to be connected in the axial direction to the rotatable shaft for supporting the rotatable shaft upon rotation stoppage, the rolling bearing comprising a double row, angular ball bearing and provided on the side where thrust load is received or on the side where positioning in the axial direction is carried out, the double row, angular ball bearing having inner and outer races and balls between the inner and outer

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